

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 31. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to good. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

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RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Good	Below Average
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	56.2	61.4	71.0	55.3	61.0	60.6
• Passed 2 subtests	18.9	18.2	13.3	21.6	19.1	20.3
• Passed 1 subtest	15.8	15.0	10.1	13.5	12.7	11.5
• Passed no subtests	9.1	5.4	5.6	9.6	7.3	7.7

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	12.4%	13.9%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	15.2%	14.7%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	29.4%	41.1%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Seniors			
Student Group	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	87.4%	12.4%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	73.0%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	89.4%	13.9%	
Gender			
Male	88.5%	15.9%	
Female	86.1%	9.0%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	77.6%	2.0%	
Hispanic	75.0%	0.0%	
White	91.7%	18.9%	
Other	N/A	0.0%	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	78.8%	1.0%	
Pay for lunch	93.9%	18.6%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	61.2%
Completers placed	100.0%
Eligible students enrolled	41.6%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$6,181	N/A	\$5,668	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	89.1%	Up from 88.0%	89.5%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	30.1 to 1	N/A	24.6 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=1,434)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	30.8%	N/A	23.5%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	95.3%	Up from 94.2%	94.8%	95.3%
• Retention rate	15.7%	Up from 12.1%	11.9%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=105)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	10.9 Days	Up from 8.0	7.2 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	95.4%	Up from 95.3%	95.6%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	52.4%	Up from 48.0%	44.8%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	82.9%	Down from 84.4%	80.4%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	3.8%	Down from 4.6%	3.9%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	83.9%	Up from 80.0%	84.7%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$41,084	Up 6.8%	\$37,145	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	3.6%	Up from 1.7%	3.6%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	56.0%	N/A	55.9%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	1.0	N/A	4.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	82.9%	N/A	61.2%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	12.1%	Up from 11.0%	11.2%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	134	N/A	33	29
• Gifted and talented	8.1%	Down from 19.2%	6.1%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	18.0%	Up from 16.4%	12.0%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	2.0%	N/A	6.7%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	597	N/A	374	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	9.1%	N/A	28.4%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Conway High School experienced many successes during the 2000-2001 school year. The faculty and student body are particularly excited about the amazing gains that our tenth graders made on the South Carolina Exit Examination. The percentage of students achieving standard on mathematics rose from 71.3% in 1999-2000 to 82.1% this year. As for reading, the percentage of students reaching standard was 84.5%; this accomplishment was a tremendous increase over the 73.1% of the 1999-2000 test-takers.

Other successes include the following. The Class of 2001 consisted of 241 graduates, with 39.8% of these students planning to attend a four-year college, 44.8% planning to attend a two-year college, and 4.6% enlisting in the military. Four students were tied for valedictorian, one student earned a National Merit Scholarship, one student earned a National Achievement Scholarship, three students were recognized as Palmetto Fellows, two students received appointments to the United States Naval Academy, and the entire class's scholarship awards totaled \$2,040,000. From the faculty side, Dina Hall, art teacher, was named the recipient of the prestigious Fulbright Memorial Fund Program Award and will travel to Japan to study first-hand that country's art and culture for three weeks this fall. In addition to this honor, two faculty members are completing requirements for National Board Certification.

During the 2000-2001 school year, Conway High School vigorously pursued performance goals it has set to increase our students' academic achievement and to support our district's initiatives for attaining educational excellence. Our teachers are involved in a continuous process of professional development, data analysis, and evaluation to ensure that our students receive the best education possible.

Conway High School enjoys the support of an active community that is committed to making our school an exemplary high school. Together, students, teachers, parents, and community members will work jointly to continue our school's movement forward during the 2001-2002 school year.

Rick Maxey, Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	76.7	52.8	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	80.0	59.6	
Satisfied with home-school relations	55.8	77.6	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 1,434 Students

Principal

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Good



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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